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FACULTY SENATE DISCUSSES PROGRAM IMPACTION

By Imran Majid

The Faculty Senate held its first meeting of the fall semester Wednesday to discuss three new items: program impaction, instructional program priority and academic program review.

The Impaction Task Force, established in February by the Senate, studied the nature of impaction at Sacramento State and developed a set of recommendations revising the criteria required to declare a major impacted.

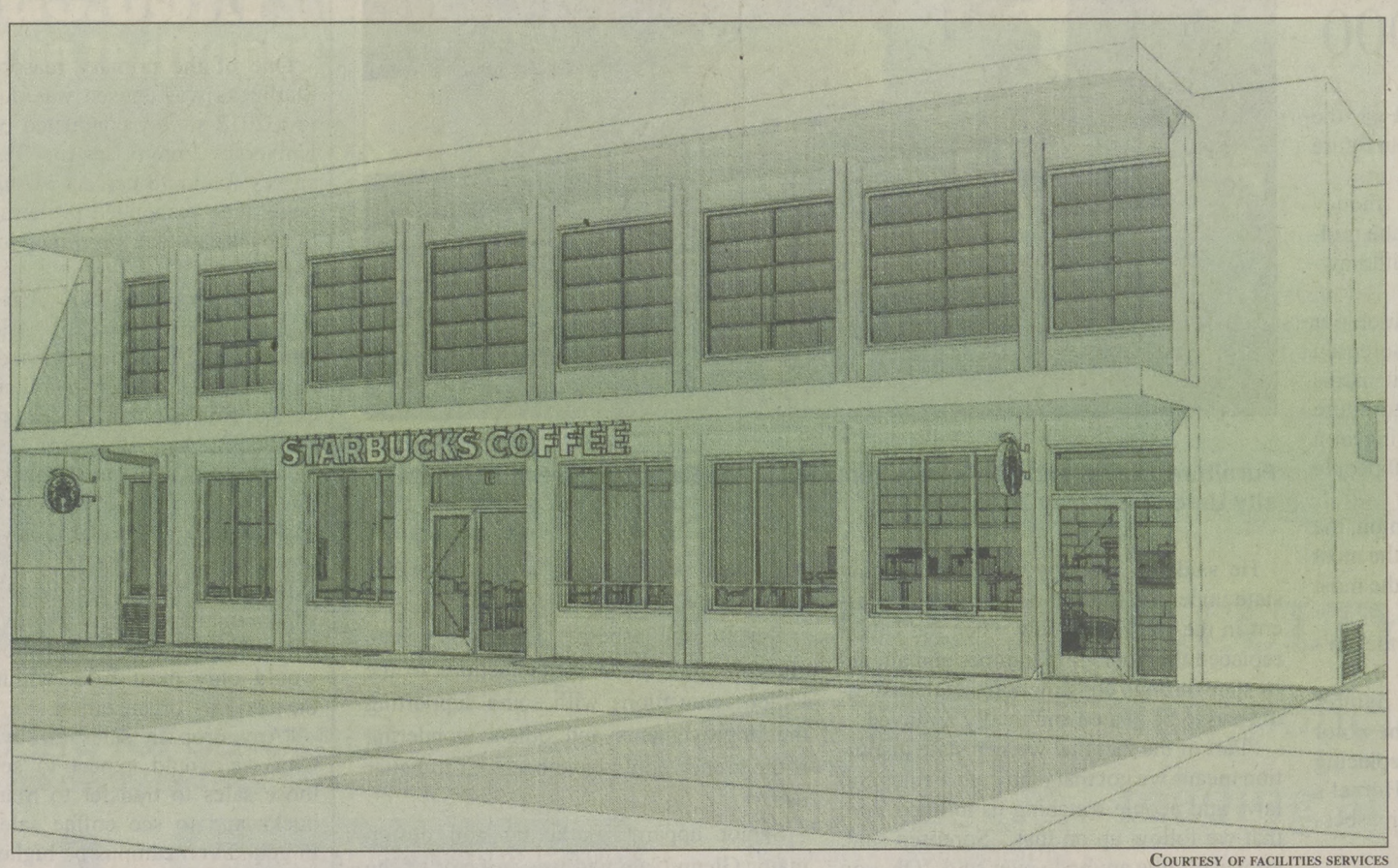
While the proposal was completed during the spring, several new items and changes were made over the summer and will be read for the first time Sept. 5. The other two items will be read later in the fall.

"The policy for (impaction) is the Senate can say 'yes we think this is impacted, we're going to give you the four years,'" said Impaction Task Force Member Tony Sheppard. "But (it may be) dependent on you showing us more data, perhaps in two years. Perhaps you haven't gathered very much data yet. In which case the Senate would say yes, contingent on a two-year review."

According to the proposal, program impaction is a last resort. Normally it is a temporary process to address a persistent, extreme imbalance between a program's student capacity and student demand.

At the campus level, an application for program impaction status will be treated for review as a substantive program change, and if granted by the campus, will be approved

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COURTESY OF FACILITIES SERVICES

An artists rendering of the Starbucks at Sacramento State, which is on pace to be completed by spring 2014.

STARBUCKS DELAYED

Actual location opening spring 2014, but program will sell Starbucks on campus.

By Imran Majid

Sacramento State University Enterprises Inc. will soon be offering an additional option for coffee beginning Sept. 3 with the opening of a Starbucks "We Proudly Brew" program in the American River Courtyard suites.

While the program is not an official Starbucks store, it will supplement until the formally licensed location opens in the spring at what used to be the Copy Graphics Center near the Riverfront Center.

"The store is a very formal license agreement and in all respects, it should look like a Starbucks store," said University Enterprises Inc. Executive Director Jim Reinhart. "Whereas the 'We Proudly Brew' program, it doesn't offer the full Starbucks menu and it sells other products besides Starbucks products."

While University Enterprises Inc. anticipated completion of the Starbucks store this fall, Reinhart said the project is taking longer than expected because of the outdated location and ensured compliance of state rules.

The renovated venue will have a community room, new seating, restrooms and improved capacity.

"It will be a nice amenity for the campus because it will be a place where students can congregate, socialize and study," Reinhart said.



ALEXUS KEARNEY - STATE HORNET

Starbucks is set to be built where the Copy Graphics Center used to be.

In 2006, Java City entered into a 10-year exclusivity contract with University Enterprises Inc. in exchange for building a café near the library- a $350,000 project.

But Reinhart said Java City recently changed its business model and became a primary roast and distributor of coffee. With Java City's exit from the café business, the contract was terminated three years early through a mutual agreement by both parties, allowing University Enterprises Inc. to bring in another choice for coffee on campus.

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New CSU system expands online education

Concurrent Enrollment makes it easier to enroll across campuses.

By Imran Majid

The California State University system announced a new Intrasystem Concurrent Enrollment program in July, enabling students to enroll in fully-online courses at other CSU campuses and progress quicker towards a degree.

Eligible students may choose to enroll in one of 33 online courses in areas including geography, business finance and visual communication to satisfy general education and graduation requirements.

"We're trying to provide additional avenues for access for students and also help students get closer to a degree," said CSU Director of Public Affairs Mike Uhlenkamp.

Uhlenkamp said the idea of the program is to address course bottlenecks – classes students need but are unable to join for reasons such as space and faculty limitations.

While Gov. Jerry Brown's January budget proposal earmarked $10 million for online education, he later line-vetoed the funding, allowing the CSU to decide how to allocate the additional money.

The CSU remained committed to researching other opportunities to obtain a degree and decided to invest in online education to provide additional choices for students.

As Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Sheree Meyer is responsible for over-

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LOGAN SMITH - STATE HORNET

President Gonzalez speaks about the plans that Sac State is taking for this upcoming academic year Thursday during the Fall Address in the University Union Ballroom.

President provides positive outlook at annual Fall Address

By Imran Majid

Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez delivered the Fall Address Thursday morning, highlighting university advances and achievements.

Gonzalez made several new announcements, including potential expansions of the WELL and University Union and the creation of the Office of Analytics and Institutional Effectiveness.

Gonzalez said he met with the University Union Board of Directors earlier this year to discuss further development of the WELL and the Union, as the lack of space for students was apparent.

"If we are to grow our student body, even modestly, overcrowding at our two most popular student facilities must be alleviated," Gonzalez said.

The project would require a permanent increase in the University Union fee from $209.50 to $459.50 to pay for construction and maintenance, and would be effective spring 2014.

The expansion would include additional meeting space and services in the Union. It may also be used to facilitate impacted programs at the WELL.

"Students were outgrow-

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University Union remodeled

By Fabian Garcia

Sacramento State's University Union underwent renovations from May 28 through Sept. 2. Improvements aimed to better accommodate students and faculty who regularly use the facility.

The major projects of the summer included furniture replacement in the public lounges, improved lighting on the second floor, an increased number of electrical outlets-now located on tables, walls, couches and counters throughout the building and the remodeled Hornet's Nest food court.

Some other minor projects involved replacing worn carpet in the hallways, lounges and meeting rooms. Old tables were replaced with new ones. Dyson hand dryers were installed in the University Union Ballroom Lobby restrooms as well as bottle-filling stations on the first and third floors to cut down on plastic water bottle usage.

The cost of all these projects combined was an estimated $1.23 million, a figure that the Union Director Dean Sorensen says will not affect students' tuition fees.

"The Union fee is separate from your tuition fees," Sorensen said. "Expenditures by the Union do not affect faculty and class availability or limit student enrollment in any way. The current repairs and improvements that you see will not result in an increase in your fees."

Sorensen said the money used for these renovations came

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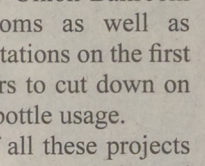
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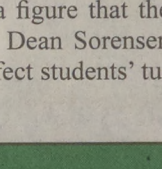


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RENOVATIONS:
Hornet's Nest upgrade cost CSUS $593,000



ANDREW VASQUEZ - STATE HORNET

Furniture, carpet and lights were replaced in the Sacramento State University Union from May 28 to Sept. 2.

from a reserve fund established in the 1970s designed to deal with possible future expenses for the Union.

The university set aside extra money into this fund annually until about the mid-2000s and only recently started withdrawing from it.

"[W]e have kept a very tight rein on our major physical expenditures," Sorensen said. "Unfortunately, all physical items from wiring to pipes to lights to furniture to flooring eventually need replacing in a building that is used by over 17,000 people daily."

Among all the upgrades in the Union, the remodeling of the Hornet's Nest is the most obvious and extensive. It was also the most expensive.

The Hornet's Nest update cost the university close to $593,000.

Aside from adding white ceiling fixtures for a fresh new look, changing the color scheme of the whole room and replacing the cafeteria furniture, the entire Hornet's Nest floor had to be uprooted for an asbestos abatement.

According to the United States Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration website, asbestos "is the name given to a group of naturally occurring minerals that are resistant to heat and corrosion" and can be fatal if its fibers are breathed in over a period of time.

The OSHA website says asbestos is usually found in products used for pipe insulation, floor tiling, building materials, and vehicle braking systems with heavy exposures tending to occur in the construction industry, especially in the removal of asbestos materials during renovation, repairs, or demolition.

Breathing in asbestos fibers under these conditions can cause a build up of scar tissue in the lungs, which could possibly lead to lung cancer and mesothelioma.

While it might be alarming to some to hear the Hornet's Nest floor had asbestos underneath it, Sorensen insisted that no one's health or well-being was ever at risk.

He said the asbestos was in a dormant state under the tile and not physically present in the air. It was only when the Union replaced the floors this summer and altered its state through construction that the asbestos had to be abated and totally removed.

"Part of the fact that we're a state institution means we got that many more rules and laws and people watching us to make sure that we follow up on that," Sorensen said. "It wasn't like anybody ever said, 'Oh, you gotta get rid of that asbestos.' It was just knowing that we were about to mess with the materials that were in there, then that's what kicked (the abatement) in."

Superintendent Jerry Schmidt of JS Construction, who oversaw the Hornet's Nest project for general contractor Staples Construction, said he and his team were not directly involved in the abatement process but that he had heard there were some flooring products with asbestos which were removed.

Schmidt went on to explain that asbestos was a common agent used in many construction products from the 1960s and 1970s. He said if the Hornet's Nest was built around that time, it most likely had asbestos in its materials.

"(Asbestos) was just one product they used that had later been determined to be hazardous if it's disturbed," Schmidt said.

Schmidt added the new flooring in Hornet's Nest was made of a vinyl material without any asbestos.

Despite the asbestos issue, Sac State students have had mixed reactions to the Union renovations with some supporting the improvements and others wondering if the money could have been put to better use.

Senior apparel marketing and design major Glenn Gammad was in favor of the changes, particularly for the new furniture and layout of the Hornet's Nest.

"We needed it," Gammad said. "You'd see some of the chairs ripped and then all the tables would be bunched up together. There wouldn't be any room, so I hope they fixed the space."

Another Sac State student, John Snyder said he would prefer if the university used available funds for educational purposes rather than aesthetic ones, which is what he considers the Union renovations to be.

"You know, tuition is going up. It's getting expensive to go to college and they got money to kind of dabble in all the things that don't matter so much to me," Snyder said. "I'd rather have my money go towards being able to get into classes rather than something like (this)…I come here to learn, I don't come here to eat."

STARBUCKS:
New location expected to provide extra options

One of the primary reasons Starbucks was chosen was due to a 2012 survey conducted by University Enterprises Inc. The survey found 98 percent of students who responded preferred Starbucks as their top choice for coffee.

"Some people might just have a big thing for Java City," said Director of Marketing Services Angela Rader. "They love their coffee. Not as much as a fan of Starbucks. And of course you have the tried and true Starbucks fans. It's only in everybody's best interests to be able to have that opportunity to decide."

Because University Enterprises Inc. operates both Java City and Starbucks, competition would only exist from within the auxiliary organization.

"Any drop in sales at Java City we would expect to see those sales to transfer to Starbucks and to see coffee sales in general on campus be higher than they were before Starbucks came," Reinhart said.

Reinhart said the Java City Roundhouse will likely be most affected by the new Starbucks, but University Enterprises Inc. will continue to evaluate sales and may choose to rebrand that location in the future.

Sophomore speech pathology major Bri McClurg said she prefers Starbucks because it provides more drink options and will probably get coffee more often.

"I'm pretty excited for it," McClurg said. "I guess I'm more familiar with Starbucks and I don't live near campus, so when I come here I prefer to have Starbucks because it tastes better."

Dining Services Director Steven Davis said, "My feeling is the overwhelming majority of (students) will find (Starbucks) to be a favorable addition to the campus and will embrace it in a manner that is in keeping with their expectations and their desires."

Davis said Starbucks believes in providing a social experience, and he hopes people enjoy having it on campus.

"Food in general tends to bring people together, and coffee is one vehicle for allowing that to happen in a pleasing, comfortable atmosphere," Davis said.

Correction

In the May 15 edition of The State Hornet article titled "Sac State Employees Allege Retaliation," The State Hornet would like to make it clear thatSacramento Chapter California Faculty Association President Kevin Wehr represents only his constituents within the faculty union. He does not represent staff or any other union within the California State University system or Sacramento State.



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ing the Union," said Director of News Services Kim Nava. "There was a lot of demand and (students) wanted something more."

The project's largest component is a 5,000 to 6,000 seat student event center which would serve as a venue for major events such as concerts and commencement, as well as student recreational use.

Nava said students approved a referendum to fund a recreation, wellness and events center in spring 2004, but after construction began the events center did not seem feasible.

Gonzalez and the University Union Board of Directors will be hosting two town hall meetings Sept. 5 and 10 at noon in Hinde Auditorium to discuss the project.

"We serve a different type of student that's just as important as anyone else in this country, if not more important," Gonzalez said. "So what we need to do is figure out how we are going to serve (the student) the best way we can."

Gonzalez also announced the new department will boost the school's ability to plan for the future and make thoughtful, data-driven decisions.

"Universities are places that are overflowing with potential data, but the big challenge is making sense of it all," Gonzalez said. "(The Office of Analytics) will tap into overlooked sources of data, gather new data where appropriate and present it in an accessible form."

Instead of discussing budget and enrollment cuts as in previous years, Gonzalez said both areas actually grew – an 8 percent increase in the budget and 1.2 percent increase in full-time students – as a result of the passage of Proposition 30.

"Today's public is much more aware of its investment in public education, and it is clear that the changes we are experiencing are just the beginning," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said this semester's incoming class of freshman and transfer students is the largest in the history of Sacramento State. Approximately 8,000 new students and 25 tenure-track faculty members have joined the Sacramento State population, a sign the school is "moving in the right direction again."

Associated Students Inc. President Nielsen Gabriel said the speech was a nice change of pace from previous years, in which Gonzalez centered on budget cuts and deficits.

"He always highlights the different achievements from every college and university, which I find to be very uplifting," Gabriel said. "It gives me a sense of Sacramento State pride and that's what every student should have."

Shooting case suspect due for another hearing

By Sean Chin

A case against the suspect in the shooting of three Sacramento State students, 23-year-old Tino Perez of West Sacramento, has been continued to Sept. 24.

Deputy District Attorney Noah Phillips said, "(Perez) is still looking for a hired attorney and the DA is still investigating additional charges."

Perez was arrested May 15 and has been charged with four counts of felony assault and one count of discharging a handgun in a grossly negligent manner .

Aug. 27 marked the sixth time Judge John Winn has granted a continuation for the case.

Perez is currently being held on a $750,000 bail, which was raised from $500,000 on July 16.

Phillips said he does not think the DA will be able to avoid going to trial because of the severity of the crimes and a settlement is unlikely to be reached.

Perez has a prior conviction for misdemeanor in 2012 that involved the consummation of alcohol in public.

FACULTY SENATE: New policies to have first reading at next meeting

for four years. But the Senate can also require a program review after two years.

The proposal urges programs to strongly consider alternatives such as larger classrooms and improved advising before applying for impaction. If impaction is approved, programs must also propose a plan for ending impaction and submit to an annual California State University review.

The Senate also appointed an Instructional Program Priority Task Force. The task force is responsible for reviewing criteria related to resource allocation such as faculty positions and equipment funding. The task force is also tasked with submitting a proposal amending the current policy.

According to the proposal, it is the responsibility of the campus to establish which academic programs will be given priority in academic planning, resource allocation and enrollment management.

The new proposal is due for a first reading Oct. 17 and outlines several prioritization criteria used to create ratings of each program's strengths and weaknesses. It aims to assist the provost in resource-related decisions.

The Curriculum Policies Committee is also evaluating the academic review program in which student success is assessed and analyzed both internally and externally.

The academic review program was first adapted as a three-year test run in 2007 and extended for two additional years thereafter.

The Curriculum Policies Committee is proposing a similar policy for permanent implementation and will be read Sept. 19.

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seeing undergraduate curriculum, graduation requirements and compliance of the Chancellor's Executive Orders at Sacramento State.

She said Intrasystem Concurrent Enrollment is part of a larger Chancellor's initiative to address course bottlenecks, and a balancing act between access, quality and student success must be maintained.

"There's always been this effort to (reach) out to students who may not have access to campus," Meyer said. "I see the Intrasystem Concurrent Enrollment as a continuation of that; a broadening of options both pedagogical and for access."

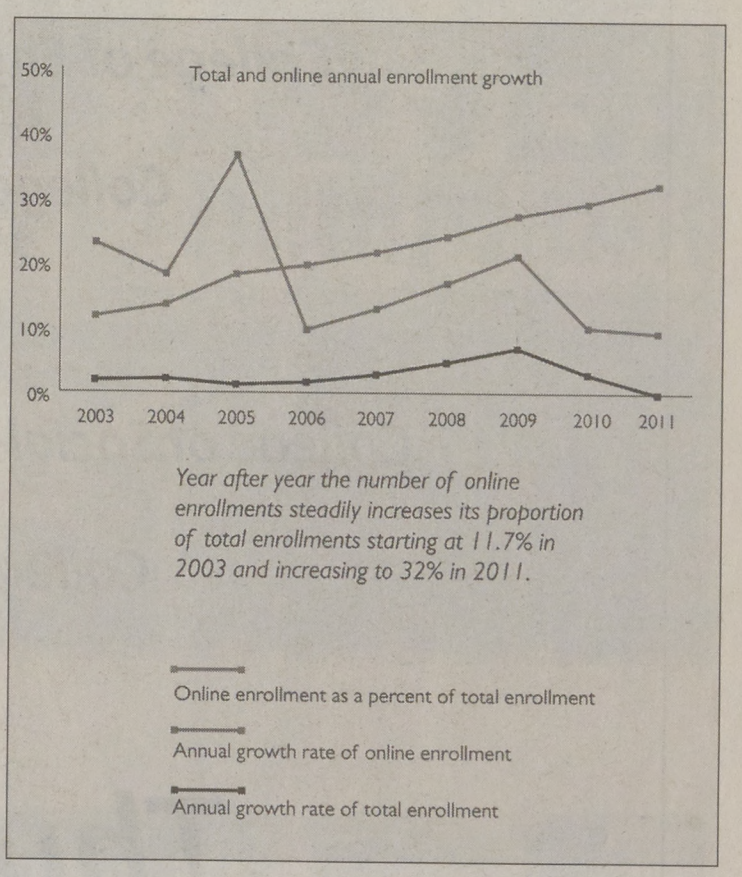
While CSU students could already enroll in other classes at other campuses, Meyer said the Intrasystem Concurrent Enrollment is a more organized initiative of approved fully-online courses that meet undergraduate requirements.

Several factors – including budget limitations and legislative pressure – influenced the Chancellor's Office to adapt the Intrasystem Concurrent Enrollment for the fall 2013 semester, despite different calendars among campuses and student schedules already set.

"It was a combination of internal stresses and external," Meyer said. "How do we meet the needs of a growing student population with fewer resources? The Chancellor's initiative came about in part in conversation with the legislators and in conversations with the CSU campuses on how we could help improve as a system with bottleneck courses."

As students apply for the Intrasystem Concurrent Enrollment program, the Office of the University Registrar will check student eligibility requirements, and communicate with the host campus to ensure a smooth transition.

"It's an additional availability of other courses that may fit into (a student's) academic schedule for the term," said University Registrar Dennis Geyer.



COURTESY OF PEARSON LEARNING SOLUTIONS

As part of the Chancellor's initiative, Sac State submitted six online courses with evidence of strong student success. The Chancellor's Office selected two classes to be taught across campuses - Music Appreciation and Recreation and Leisure Lifestyle Development.

Fue Thao, a senior biology major, said he prefers face-to-face interactions, and online classes make it convenient to slack off.

"I would try to crash classes, but if I can't and (Intrasystem Concurrent Enrollment) is my only option, I would do it," Thao said. "But I would still prefer sitting in class and having (a) pencil then and there with a professor."

Meyer said Intrasystem Concurrent Enrollment allows the CSU to share resources and provide alternate options and appeal to more types of students, such as parents and workers.

"A lot of (Sac State) students are older," Meyer said. "They're juggling jobs (and) families. Anytime you have that many demands on a student population, if you give them additional options (it) can improve access and facilitate time to graduation."

Current students in good academic standing who have earned at least 12 units and have paid tuition as a full-time student at Sac State can visit www.calstate.edu/concurrent to apply for the program.

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Food trucks benefit community events

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SEAN CHIN - STATE HORNET

The Squeeze Inn truck has both beef and veggie burgers, both of which come with their signature extra cheese.

By Camille Anglo

With unique made-to-order meals ranging from Korean tacos to bacon-laden sliders and the numerous ways to top a hot dog, the rise of the food truck trend has been a dream come true to many food lovers.

Yet, not only are food trucks providing customers with a rare dining experience, they are doing their part to give back to the community that has made them a booming business.

President of Friends of the North Natomas Library, Karen Thomas, said including food trucks along with the library's events have proved successful., and since many people were in attendance at the gatherings, it has helped boost the summer reading program the organization has been promoting.

"Since people love to buy food from the food trucks we've signed up a lot of people for summer reading. North Natomas is trying to get many people to read during the summer," Thomas said. "We think with all the hustle and bustle, we're going to hit upward of 10,000 people."

Sacramento Mobile Food Events, or Sactomofo, has been organizing mobile food truck gatherings for events and fundraisers for two years.

Sactomofo manager Paul Somerhausen said these events are an excellent way for people to socialize with others because it encourages them to bond over a passion for food.

"I think food trucks not only contribute to the food scene, but they also contribute to the social scene in a sense that by virtue of everything being cooked to order. It takes awhile for the food to come out, so the people hang out in the line together," Somerhausen said. "Eventually, they all sit at the communal tables together and they interact with each other. It gets people who don't necessarily know each other to have conversations about their food and what they actually have in common."

Somerhausen said he's glad to be a part of people getting to know their neighbors and their own community.

"Sometimes you see a lot of regulars that keep coming back and they make friends. So not only is it communal with the food, but it's also a social opportunity to network," Somerhausen said

According to the Sactomofo website, the food trucks working with various organizations have been a success with fundraisers such as Rebuild McKinley Park, the Whole Foods Foundation, Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services by helping them raise thousands of dollars.

James Wheeler, owner of BaconMania, said his truck does many fundraisers, such as youth programs that promote sports and education among children.

"I try to do as many things for kids as I can," Wheeler said. "I have a daughter, so we do a lot of her events as well."

Gameday Grill owner A.J. Navarro said since food trucks have gained a large following, the food truck events help spread community awareness to customers who trek to gatherings.

"For schools, we'll come help and make their event more exciting," Navarro said. "We have such a huge following that some of our customers will come out to their event and participate and in the end, sometimes depending on the event, we'll give them a percentage of our sales that goes directly into schools and goes directly into youth organizations."

Food trucks are a huge draw for fundraisers or community events, but the at the core of it all, the food helps bring people closer together.

With an emphasis on fresh cooked dishes, many of the gourmet trucks from the past two years have broken the stigma of food trucks only providing precooked food, Navarro said.

"If you think back to 10 or 15 years ago, you would think of food trucks, you think of getting a rice bowl and a burrito that's already made sitting there in a warmer," Navarro said. "That was my thought of food trucks and now they evolved to making fresh to order style food. Things like that is great with how far it's come along."

Wheeler said BaconMania creates much of its bacon-infused menu from scratch. It is that technique that got BaconMania's sister truck in Orange County featured on the Cooking Channel's "United States of Bacon" while the Sacramento truck was shown on "Good Day Sacramento."

"One thing a lot of people don't realize about (some) food trucks is that every single thing in this food truck is made from scratch," Wheeler said. "We're here like a couple hours early and we grate our cheese and we make our macaroni. Everything is from scratch every morning. The only thing we don't make is our brownies."

Navarro said although food trucks provide entertainment for the masses, it's a win-win situation because both parties benefit from each other.

"What makes it really unique is that we're directly giving back to the community," Navarro said. "We're happy to go into those situations and it works for both of us."

GOLD RUSH IN OLD SACRAMENTO







This past weekend Old Sacramento was transformed into a one-of-a-kind city. Historic actors and entertainers filled the streets, singing, dancing and even reanacting important historical moments, including the famous women's rights movement. In the end, attendees thought it was a great event for all ages young and old. State Hornet photographer Alexus Kearney captured these moments.

CSUS clubs welcome students back to school

By Camille Anglo

Hornet Weeks of Welcome, or Hornet W.O.W., is a three-week long celebration intended to unite the Sacramento State community from Aug. 30 to Sept. 21.

As a campus wide effort to build up school spirit, Hornet WOW events are designed to encourage student participation in school events among both incoming and returning students.

Sac State organizations such as the Green Army, UNIQUE Programs, and Associated Students Inc. have created events that will take place throughout the month.

UNIQUE Programs advisor Ajamu Lamumba said he is excited about the program's involvement with Hornet WOW by hosting numerous events to welcome back students to Sac State.

"Personally I am looking forward to all of the events we have planned," Lamumba said. "They are all different events and offer students fun and free ways to become involved in campus life."

Lamumba said the events UNIQUE Programs are free and range from newly released movies to concerts from bands from all over California.

"Spread over the three weeks of Hornet WOW, we have seven events for students," Lamumba said. "They will get to see two free movies, as well as see some great musicians playing a wide variety of music ranging from Cumbia, Dub rock, soul and funk, and Reggae."

Lamumba said UNIQUE Programs have banded together with the Green Army and Associated Students Inc. A-Team during the fall semester's first Nooner event to let students know about their organizations.

"We have invited the Green Army and (Sac State mascot) Herky to our first noon event, to allow the Green Army (to have) the chance to sign up more students and get to know what the Green Army is all about and how students can sign up for the Green Army," Lamumba said. "At this same event, we have also invited the A.S.I. A-Team who will be giving away free Jamba Juice to students."

Associated Students Inc. president Nielsen Gabriel said by doing these events during the first three weeks of school, he hopes it will encourage students to learn about the organizations and resources available to them at Sac State.

"There are a number of campus entities involved with Hornet WOW," Gabriel said. "In my opinion, the goal of Hornet WOW is to engage students with the campus, both new and returning, to show them what the university has to offer."

Events include the A.S.I. Block Party, the love-themed Phlagleblast 14, the ninth annual Sac State Throwdown dodgeball tournament on Sept. 5 along with the' first home football game against Southern Oregon University on Sept. 14.

Gabriel said they will also be hosting a series of events during "A.S.I. Week" from Sept. 16 to Sept. 21. that includes a meet and greet with students, the official opening of the water bottle refilling station and the A.S.I. Farmers' Market.

"Aside from our A.S.I. Week events, I will be looking forward to a number of events during Hornet WOW," Gabriel said. "As with every year, I am looking forward to both WELLcome Back and Phlagleblast."

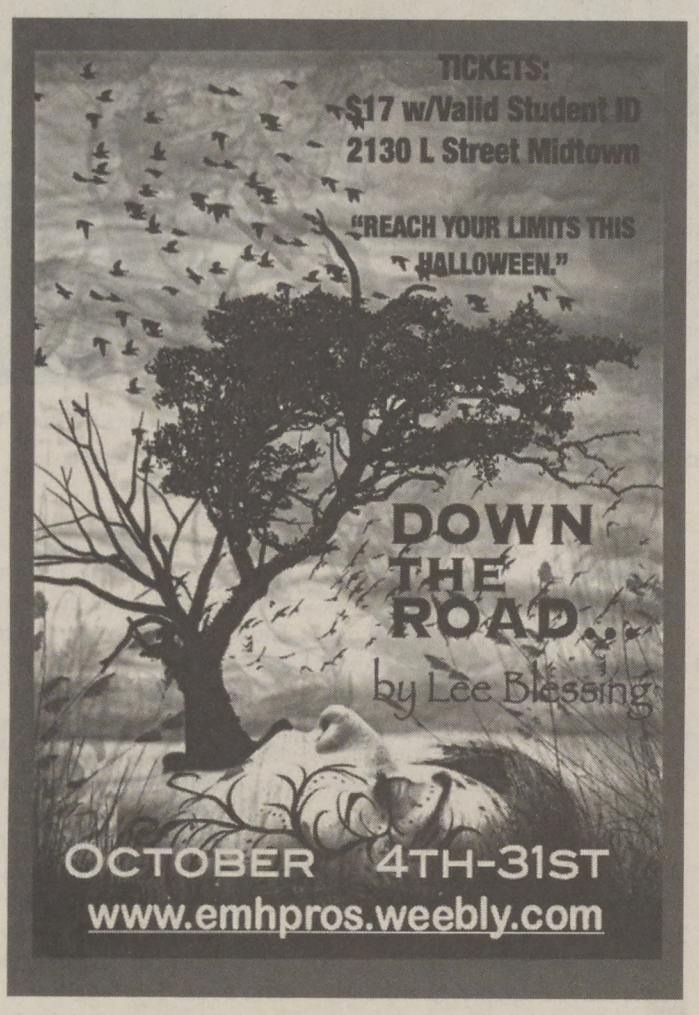
Junior Brenda Martinez said she's looking forward to seeing new students mingle with returning students at Hornet WOW.

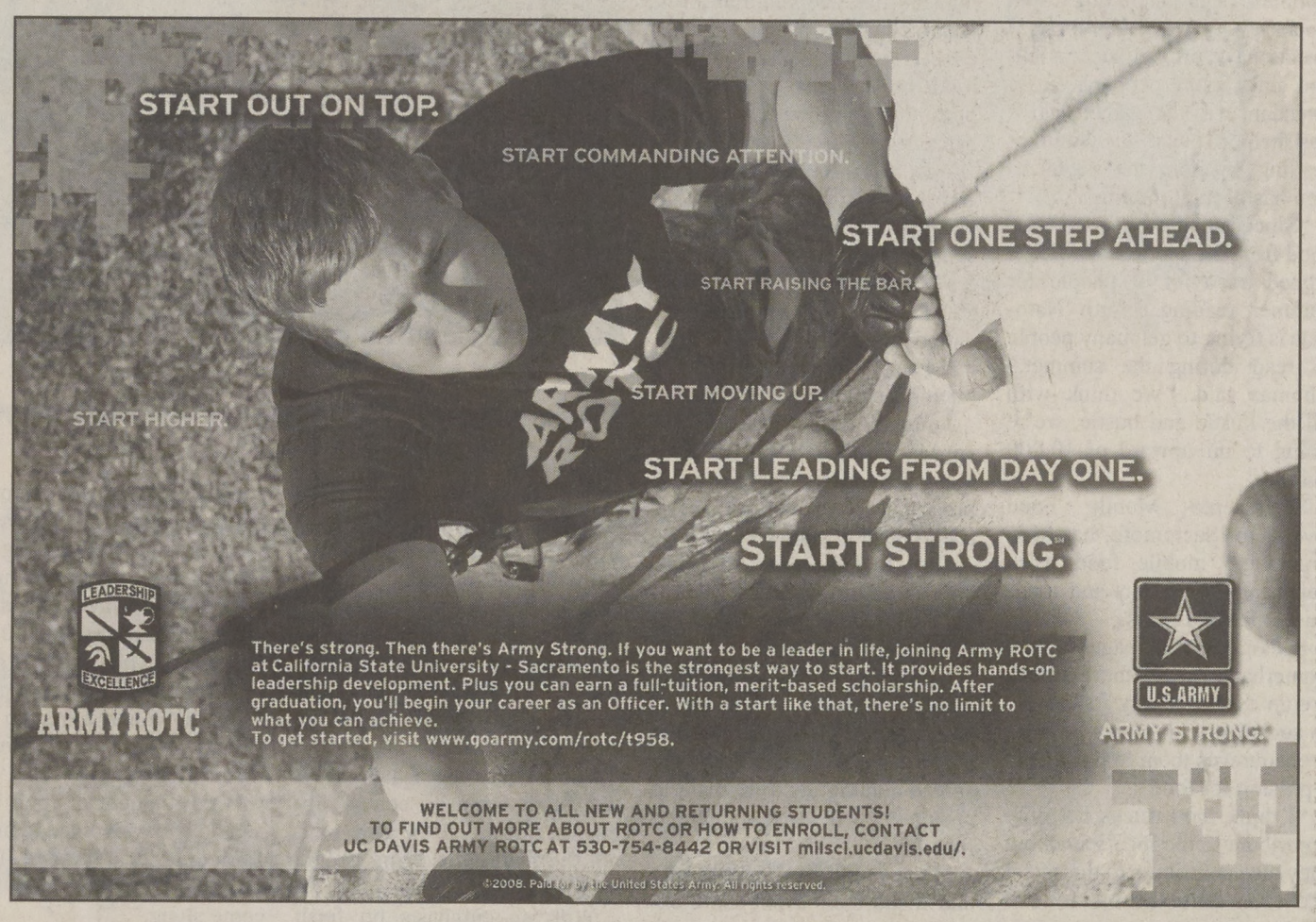
"I am looking forward to Hornet WOW because there are many events that will unify our campus and increase school spirit," Martinez said. "I am excited to meet old and new Hornets at these events and I am looking forward to participating in Club Days in the Library Quad and the A.S.I. Block Party because it gives clubs a chance to recruit many new members in a fun and spirited environment."

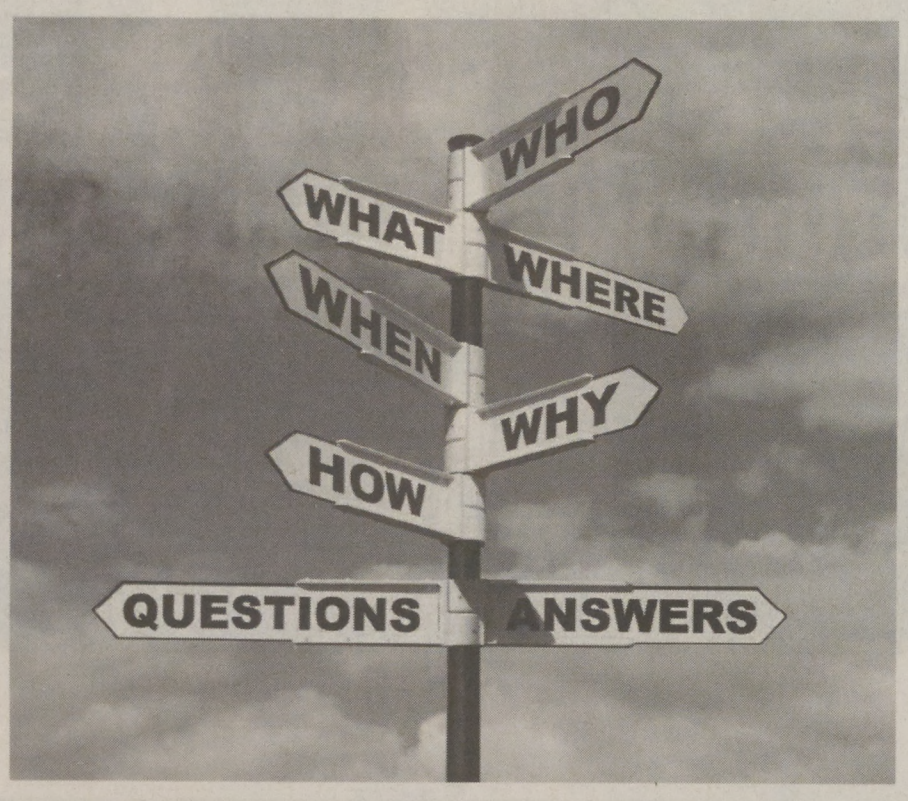
Although the events are meant to gather the campus community in a fun atmosphere, some of the events, such as the educational panels about sexual harassment, the LGBT community and lectures during Constitution Week are meant to educate students on issues that affect society.

Gabriel said although the goal for Hornet WOW is to boost school spirit through means of having fun or spreading awareness, he hopes that it will continue throughout the semester.

"We are looking at new ways of increasing student participation and enhancing a feel of school spirit," Gabriel said. "Hornet WOW is one aspect we have looked at. However, we acknowledged that our goal for participation and school spirit goes on throughout the year and cannot stop in the month of September."







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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

To the Sacramento State Community:

As you picked up this newspaper, or for those who decided to read this letter online, you might have thought to yourself that something has changed with The State Hornet.

Since 1949, The State Hornet has served Sac State's students, faculty and staff by bringing you the news and the publication has been a stepping stone for those who have gone on to professional newspapers like the Sacramento Bee, the Orange County Register and USA Today.

Each editor-in-chief selected over the past 64 years has chosen his or her style for giving the news. During the next two semesters I will do my best, just as my predecessors, to inform you about what is happening on campus and in the surrounding community.

I believe a product should speak for itself; if built correctly, it doesn't need a bunch of bells and whistles to do the job it is meant to do.

During an interview with "Frontline" on PBS in 1996, Bob Woodward, one of the Washington Post reporters who broke the Watergate scandal in the 1970s, queried, "Journalism gets measured by the quality of information it presents, not the drama or the pyrotechnics associated with us; but, is it good, news-quality information that defines who somebody is?"

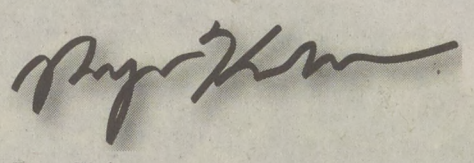
I say yes, and that good, news-quality information is going to define The State Hornet during my term as editor-in-chief.

As you read the articles over the next two semesters, know that all the content will be original, newsworthy and reported to the best of our ability. The newspaper will not try to reel you in with shock and awe techniques. Though we know you have many choices to get your news from, whether it is the Sac Bee, New York Times or unofficial news blogs, the State Hornet will always be there to inform you about the news that directly affects you.

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Professionalism and high standards will be the foundation of this newspaper and we look forward to serving you by doing what we will do best; giving Sacramento State real news, right now.

Sincerely,



Ryan Kuhn
Editor-in-Chief

Union overdue for makeover

By Sammie Moreno

The University Union got a makeover this summer including new furnishings to replace the 38 year old couches. Just think of all the stains from spills and tears from stressed students on that worn out furniture. Our student Union was way overdue for some love.

The Union is one of the many buildings on campus students go to when they are not in class. It provides plenty of room to study, a place to grab a bite to eat, play a game of pool or just sit back and relax.

A board of directors from Union Well Inc. took the initiative to start the new renovations in the Union in May. With the new renovations, students can see a difference in updated furniture all through the three story building to provide students with a more attractive and user-friendly environment.

The improvements consist of lounge furniture replacement, electrical outlets, updated Hornet's Nest food court, carpeting, lighting, meeting room tables, bottle filling stations and hand dyers.

One of the biggest changes made was the Hornet's Nest. The cost of the renovations came to a total of $592,677.71.

"It doesn't seem very affordable when you're looking at how much stuff costs, but when you're talking about how something that's going to withstand 17,000-18,000 students a day Monday through Friday coming through here and holding up, it's a lot of maintenance involved," Director of the University Union Dean Sorensen said.

The Hornet's Nest has new vinyl tile flooring, primary and accent lighting, a partial drop ceiling, wall surface materials, furniture and a new color scheme. All changes are intended to fulfill a level of illumination, comfort and a modern style dining experience.

"I've already been told by many people that it looks a lot different; it's practically like a whole new building," Sorensen said. "To be able to achieve that by making a few decor projects instead of tearing something down and rebuilding it makes it a lot more affordable."

Senior Communication Studies major Alejandra Rubio works at the information desk and heard the renovations happening right behind her station.

"The main thing I noticed was the new furniture and more tables on the second and third," Rubio said. "The previous furniture was looking a bit old."

The furniture replacement was a total of $282,657.81. Aging furniture, some dated back to purchase dates of 1976, were replaced on all 3 floors in the lounges and hallways.

Rubio utilizes the computers on the second floor of the Union for studying. "I think the tables against the walls will help students who are studying alone, so they don't have to take up a whole table when groups have to study," Rubio said.

Senior Kinesiology major Chris Elias has been a student at Sac State for seven years and spends more than enough time in the Union studying and taking time to relax when he's not in class.

"I like the new couches" Elias said. "The old ones had so many stains and needed to be updated."

The fireplace lounge was an area Elias enjoyed studying in, but with the new improvements made, he won't be hanging out there much. Before, there was a large staircase but was replaced with new high top tables and chairs—making the area look a lot smaller.

"There should be spots to relax on campus and it bugs me that they took that [black staircase area] out of the fireplace lounge," Elias said.

Some students are asking where the money is coming from for such immense renovations. Fortunately, the money for the new carpet, lighting, furniture and Hornet Nest Food Court is coming from a fund that started by Sacramento State Alumni in the 1970s.

"By utilizing this older fund, we are able to hold off on raising fees in the current economic environment, without forsaking customer service and the building features that students have come to rely on in the Union over the years," Sorensen said.



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AB1266 should help transgender students

By Jaime Carillo

Every generation since America's birth has crucified the previous one for being a little late to adapt to the new generation's forward thinking, especially when it comes to social issues. Many transgenders people are still widely misunderstood and underrepresented, but with the new bill AB1266 they may finally get some justice on their side.

On July 12, 2013 Gov. Jerry Brown recently signed AB1266 into law, which will allow transgendered students to pick a bathroom[to use bathrooms in public schools] according to their gender identity. California is the third state to enact such a bill: Connecticut and Massachusetts grants the same protections to students. Bill author, Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, believes the bill is a positive step forward for transgender rights.

"We had children testify in the Assembly and Senate that this law will mean they no longer must hide who they are, nor be treated as someone other than who they are," Ammiano said. One of these students was Ashton Lee, a 16-year-old transgender boy from Manteca who was forced to take physical education with girls.

"I can't learn and succeed when every day in that class leaves me isolated and alone," said Lee in a statement.

However, not everyone is on board with transgender students finally being heard.

"The transgender thing, I think it's just another politically correct thing that is incorrect," said Assemblyman Tim Donnelly said. I suppose the best way to deal with an issue is to not acknowledge there's an issue at all. Administrative Support Coordinator of Sacramento State Pride Center Chris Kent believes AB1266 is a step in the right direction.

"Transgender individuals face a lot of marginalization in many areas of life, including education," says Kent. "Taking any steps toward making the experiences of transgender students better, decreasing the level of marginalization they face, and increasing their chances at academic success, is a great thing.

Donnelly believes the bill was made to simply placate a small amount of students.

"Why should we make 98 percent of the kids uncomfortable and how does that serve the less than 2 percent [transgendered] that feel that way?" Donnelly said. The law doesn't exist to simply serve the most people. Anyone that has taken a high school government course knows that America prides itself on the rights of the individual.

"In other words, they're saying the law infringes on the 'right' of [non-transgender] people to exclude or marginalize transgender people," Kent said. "They have no 'right' to exclude or marginalize non-dominant groups," Kent said.

It's not even fair to say that the law will frighten every non-transgender student out of school bathrooms.

"It's one of those things where I never really thought that it would require paperwork. Ridiculous that it does, but since that's where we're at, I'm glad it's in writing," said English major Alexa Derminjian. "Transgender folks should have the right to take a leak wherever they want. Anybody bothered by that is thinking too hard about the people they're pissing next to."

However, Donnelly is so staunchly against pulling one of his two sons from public schools because of AB1266. The esteemed Assemblyman also believes that public schools are no longer what they used to be, and are now "government indoctrination centers."

Parents pulling their children out of public schools isn't a new form of protest. One of the junctures in American history parents wary of social change engaged in not-so-civil disobedience happened around the time of the Brown vs. Board of Education ruling in 1954.

I don't think teaching students tolerance for different perspectives or sexes counts as "indoctrination." Despite the passing of AB1266, I don't believe it will solve all problems facing transgender students either: but it's a good start.

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LOOKING FOR THE WIN

By Satchi Hover

After winning the Big Sky Tournament in 2012, Sacramento State's men's tennis team at will look to continue their winning ways in 2013.

Head coach Slava Konikov will be entering his ninth season at the helm, during which the Hornets have finished with an overall record of 125-84, including a 59-4 record in the Big Sky Conference.

The team is aiming to make it back to the NCAA Tournament for the fifth straight season. Director of Tennis Bill Campbell has praised the team for its work ethic and dedication to their goal.

"I think we have a good opportunity to be the best team the university has ever had in tennis," Campbell said. "All the players are back from last season, and they've really been working hard all summer."

Three key players on the 2013 men's tennis team are juniors Marek Marksoo, Alejandro Villarreal and Oliver Anderson.

Marksoo posted an individual record of 16-3 in 2012, finishing the season on a 13-match winning streak. His accomplishments earned him co-MVP sharing the award with Eastern Washington's Joseph Cohen in the Big Sky.

Assistant coach Kevin Kurtz expects the way the team has bonded up to this point and team chemistry will be a key factor in their success.

"Our team has really got good cohesiveness," Kurtz said. "They help one another out and their goal is to build on an already strong team."

The Hornets understand

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ANDREW VASQUEZ - STATE HORNET

Hornet defensive back tackles Spartan running back Jarrod Lawson during Sacramento State's loss to San Jose State.

HORNETS SHUT OUT

By Ryan Kuhn

SAN JOSE, Calif. – Sacramento State football started out the 2013 season with something it hasn't done in six years.

For the first time since 2007, the Hornets were shut out as they lost to San Jose State 24-0 in front of a crowd of 13,136 at Spartan Stadium.

It also marks the second straight season the Hornets started with a loss.

Head coach Marshall Sperbeck said he gives San Jose State credit for keeping his team out of the endzone.

"We had some tough moments, but our guys battled all the way through," Sperbeck said.

SJSU came into the game led by senior quarterback David Fales, who finished last season with the nation's best 71 percent completion percentage and 33 touchdown passes.

Despite Fales gaining some national attention, the Hornets kept him at only 225 yards passing with two touchdowns.

"I think (defensive coordinator Anthony) Parker called a good game and put us in good situations," Sperbeck said. "They understood what they needed to do to keep them in check."

Senior linebacker Todd Davis played his first game as the voice of the Hornets' defense and finished tied with Robbie Kendall, Darnell Sankey and Markell Williams with seven tackles.

"I felt good out there" Davis said. "It's my senior year and I couldn't ask for a greater position to be in."

After a quick field goal in the first quarter, The Spartans' first touchdown came in the first quarter when Fales sailed a 31-yard pass to wide receiver Chandler Jones with 12:43 remaining in the second quarter, giving the Spartans a 10-0 lead.

SJSU's first 10 points all came off turnovers from quarterback Garrett Safron's two intercep-

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BUZZ OF THE CROWD
WITH RYAN KUHN

Breaking Records

By Ryan Kuhn

Usually, the start of a new fall semester at Sacramento State is full of the same sights and sounds as the year prior. Freshman anxiously move into their dorms with the excitement of getting away from their parents, faculty stress about being unprepared for their lectures and clubs push hard for new recruits.

However, the sights and sounds emanating from Hornet Stadium have changed.

While Sac State has never before been known for having a dominant football program, but after last season, the Hornets numbers may show that changing.

For the third time in the last five seasons, Sac State finished with six wins, the most recent coming last year with a 6-5 record. Despite five losses, two came against Football Championship Subdivision top-25 teams (Eastern Washington and Montana State), and the third was against a UC Davis team that wore its heart on its sleeve in honor of a retiring coach. Those three losses came by a combined 13 points.

Because people love to point fingers, let's first blame the offense.

Then-sophomore quarterback Garrett Safron finished

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Sacramento's defenders

By Diante Lee

Many young defenders on the Sacramento State men's soccer team are becoming familiar with trial by fire as the squad puts a bow on the summer as the regular season gets underway.

There was no better introduction for the Hornet's than to face a disciplined and aggressive Pac-12 team in Stanford, who capitalized with a 2-0 victory. The team bounced back three days later, besting Sonoma State by a goal.

"We were pleased overall with our preseason," said head coach Michael Linenberger.

The team showed the ability to attack with efficiency and creativity. Seniors Isaac Ikyurav and team captain Almog Strikowski have shown why they've been such reliable offensive forces over their collegiate careers.

With such a seasoned and dynamic front line, the coaching staff geared this time of the season towards ensuring the team's young players get acclimated to what is expected game by game. They have all experienced the opportunity to compete for a chance to make final rotations and the coaches have rewarded them with playing time as they develop their individual games.

"The biggest thing is getting used to the speed of the game, and the physical part of the game… the two games gave them a taste and got some of their nerves out," Linenberger said.

Redshirt Junior Mason McCann, by way of American River Junior College, has found common ground with his teammates and is prepared to share any information to help the team grow.

"I was able to transfer in through junior college, so for me it was really a smooth transition," McCann said. "Now our job is to really fly at the younger guys and be physical with them."

The veterans have used the opportunity to teach the next generation of Hornets soccer. The freshman and junior college transfers have responded well and the team is in the process of generating an identity.

"We had a few kinks to work out defensively, which are understandable since we have so many new guys", said McCann. "Outside of that, we accomplished a lot of what we were looking to do… we were able to establish a chemistry as a team."

The new team members have been through weeks of competition and the coaches have made distinctions, especially in second year player Edwin Luna.

"He's one of the guys people pay to see perform – he can be one of those guys," Linenberger said.

As the team prepared for its Aug. 30 season opening in San Jose, there was recurring excitement for a particular portion of the team's schedule: a seven game stretch in September featuring a three-game home stand, followed by a four-game tour.

Coach Linenberger stressed to his team that holding serve at the Hornet Soccer Field is paramount to having a successful season. "If we can and tie at home, and maybe split [games] on the road, we're going to have a chance to have a great season."

McCann, though, cannot deny looking forward to the adverse stretch away from home as an opportunity to win difficult games and to grow as a family.

"That's when you get to see a team come together, and really get a chance to bond," McCann said.

As the year unfolds, Linenberger hopes to establish his philosophy of ball control, looking to win the battle of possession every time the team hits

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AMY LANE - STATE HORNET

Representing a country

By Satchi Hover

With its season finally underway, Sacramento State women's soccer had two players already playing at the elite level of women's soccer. Senior midfielder Larot and junior forward Shelby Salvacion played for the Philippine national team.

Salvacion and Larot spent most of their summer training in Manila, Philippines for about three weeks and the last week in Bangladesh. It was also the first time for most of the five American born players to have traveled to the Philippines.

In an invite to bring five Philippine-American players a chance to play for the Philippine national team, the head coach of the Philippine national team and Cal State Fullerton Titans Ernie Narras, invited over 90 high school and collegiate soccer players from the US.

It was a move that Narras wanted to identify quality players for the national team before it started its winter long season.

"We want to identify as many Filipino-Americans and Filipino-Canadians for the women's national team senior pool as well as the U-19 and U-16 pools," Nierras told PinoyFootball.com.

The first training camp took place Nov. 15-22 that invited 40 players to come tryout. Salvacion made that trip to Fullerton to participate in the five day training camp. However, Salvacion was not apart of the few that were selected for national team.

"I wasn't sure what to think but once I got here I saw how big of a deal this really is," Salvacion said. "It's not just representing yourself or your school but an entire country. It's a great honor to get invited to participate."

Although Salvacion did travel with Larot to the second five day tryout session over Spring break last semester March 22-28.

"I was really nervous because I was still recovering from a quad surgery after last season," Larot said. "It was supposed to take six months for me to recover, but I decided to start training again at four months."

Larot originally was going to go with her older sister to try out, but her sister had to pull out because of her own injury to her knee. Both Salvacion and Larot made it along with another player in the Spring tryout session.

Larot said the summer she spent in Southeast Asia was an eye opening experience for her.

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ANDREW VASQUEZ - STATE HORNET

Redshirt freshman defender Alexa Heinzer moves to defend against junior forward Shelby Salvacion during practice on Aug. 27.

NATIONAL: Philippines well-represented

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"It was a new experience for me personally because I have never been to the Philippines before last summer," Larot said." The food was different and it seemed a little disorganized for me."

While the two were in Manila, they were

"We saw riots in the streets,"Salvacion said. "We had to adjust to seeing that because we were not used to their daily lives because we didn't have to live like the people had to over there."

For Salvacion and Larot, training camp in Manila was very regimented in that they were not able to do anything for the first three weeks outside of training.

Once the two made it to Bangladesh, it was more like a vacation for the both of them. Along with the team Larot and Salvacion did photo shoots, press conferences as well as appearing on national tv game show in the Philippines.

"I felt like a superstar there, they treat their national soccer players with more respect than they do here in the US," Larot said.

When both Larot and Salvacion came back for the start of the summer training camp head coach Randy Dedini saw a major difference in the way two play the game of soccer.

Dedini said the time Salvacion and Larot spent in the Philippines had instilled more of a greater passion towards the game of soccer.

"They both came back with a heighten sense of confidence coming into this season," Dedini said. "Knowing that they can play after their time as a Hornet here.".

Salvacion and Larot along with the other american born players saw a variety of competition on the field which included a game against the Thailand national team. But some of the other teams they faced Salvacion said it was like playing against high school teams.

Even though it was tough at first for both Salvacion and Larot they came back with new friends and a sense of honor bestowed upon them after representing the Philippine national team and turned out to be a valued experience with an offer to come back and play after this season is done.

"We plan on going back after the season finishes to play with them in the South East Asia games," Salvacion said. " We will face some of the better teams like Australia, which I had no idea they were apart of the SEA games because they are mostly white."

The SEA games comprise all of the Southeast Asian countries including- Australia, Korea, Japan, China.



ANDREW VASQUEZ - STATE HORNET

Senior midfielder Raylene Larot dribbles the ball past freshman redshirt midfielder Ashley Cella during practice on Aug. 27.

CROWD: Plenty of victories to come

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with 2,917 total yards that placed him fourth among quarterbacks in the Big Sky Conference. His 22 touchdown passes were only two behind the conference leader, Idaho State senior Kevin Yost. The Hornets' offense also scored 14 rushing touchdowns on 163 yards per game while dividing the work among three running backs the entire season.

If it isn't the offense's fault, then it must be the defense.

Sac State was the fifth best defensive team in the conference, allowing their opponent 394 yards a game, and was ninth in the entire FCS in sacks.

While the Hornets should always strive for improvements such as establishing a more consistent running game with a featured back and on the defensive side of the ball coming up with more interceptions, they finished 2012 with a winning record and their second straight win against a Pac-12 opponent. It just didn't go their way.

This season, with a quarterback who saw success and is hungry for wins and a defense that is looking to move forward from last year's foundation, there is no reason why football can't capture a seven or eight win season. The numbers are there, and they don't seem to be lying to me.

SOCCER: Men's team ready to start

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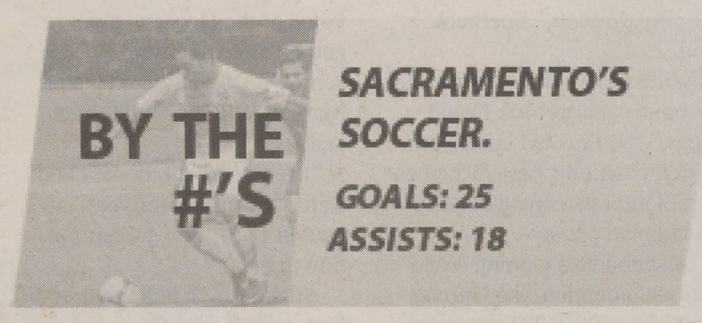
The ultimate goal however is scoring, and Linenberger believes that as long as the team can hold its opponents to one goal, there will be a chance to win.

"We aren't going to win many games four [goals] to three."

He is also looking to lay the foundation for his inexperienced players, giving them at least three tangible goals to work towards night in and out.

For the veterans, some successes in years past have led them to strive to close the chapters of their careers with the same result.

"We want to win the Big West, not only as an accomplishment for the school, but for us individually," McCann said.



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TENNIS: Continuing to win

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the importance of winning on home court and Kurtz expects the team will improve upon their 6-4 home record from a season ago.

"We have a lot of home matches this season and one of our goals is to win every home match this year." Kurtz said.

Last season the team compiled a 9-1 record against Big Sky opponents.

"We had a lot of guys who played in summer tournaments and improved their game," Kurtz said. "We have a couple new guys coming in so hopefully they can get on board and catch up." The team will start the 2013 season with the Campus Showdown at Sac State on Sept. 8.

UPCOMING GAMES

Football:
Thursday at 7 p.m.
vs. Arizona State
@ Arizona State

Soccer:
Women's:
Friday at 2:30 p.m.
vs. UNLV
Sunday at 3:30 p.m.
@ Sacramento State

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FOOTBALL: The Shut Out

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tions.

Safron finished the game passing 23-40 for 192 yards, but was unavailable for comment.

"In this type of game, you can't turn the ball over," Sperbeck said.

The Spartans extended the lead with 26 seconds before halftime when Fales found wide receiver Noel Grisby for his second touchdown pass.

The Hornets started to drive the ball in the second half, but failed to complete three fourth downs in the red zone to score. Overall, the Hornets finished missing two red zone scoring chances, a pair of missed field goals and were penalized eight times for 45 yards. Of the eight penalties, two were delay-of-game.

"I felt it was just miscommunication, " said senior running back Ezekiel Graham.

The Hornets continue their road trip to start the season next Thursday when they travel down to Tempe to face Arizona State. This will be the third consecutive year Sac State will face a Pac-12 opponent, with the last two seasons having upset Oregon State and Colorado.

Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

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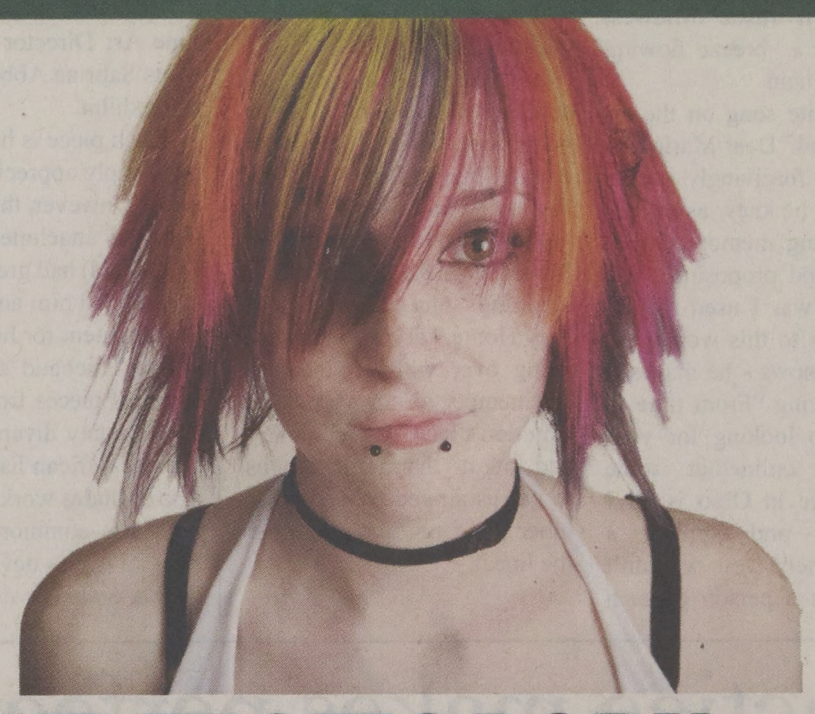
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Mayer lends his soul for new release

By Janice Daniels

The second I played John Mayer's new album, "Paradise Valley," I was unexpectedly surprised and teary-eyed at - what I would call - one of his best music compilations ever.

Not only do I say that because I have been grooving to his sultry voice since I was 12 years old, but because his rebooted bluegrass feel and heartfelt lyrics relate - especially to those coming-of-age listeners who have followed Mayer for a long time.

The album opens with a dancy, free-spirited song called "Wildfire," about the glory of having an entire summer ahead, and all the wonderful possibilities it could include. The Duane Allman-esque guitar licks make me want to dance like I have never danced before - with cowboy boots and all - and cruise down rustic Midwest streets with a breeze flowing through my hair.

My favorite song on the album is called "Dear Marie", in which John forgivingly speaks to a woman he knew as a teenager, recalling memories from their past and proposing "Tell me what it was I used to be." Mayer sings to this woman he no longer knows - he makes it clear by saying "From time to time I'll go looking for your photograph online/but some county judge in Ohio is all I ever find" - and expresses a kind of lonely you wouldn't expect from a person of such fame. He speaks in a way that makes the audience wonder whether or not fame is actually that great, especially when he compares his life to hers in the line: "Yeah, I've got my dream but you've got family."

Mayer's girlfriend Katy Perry is featured in the song "Who Do You Love," which is about finding love and keeping it. Those who know Mayer know this is far-fetch from anything he has ever done, considering it's a love song done with someone he truly seems to care about. Mayer is growing up, my friends, and it's a beautiful thing.

Rising star Frank Ocean lends a voice in the theatrical mid-album interlude about a gorgeous woman's suicidal thoughts while on vacation in Paris. The image created is somewhat eerie, but also very beautiful due to the combination of Ocean's soft tone and John's whispery backup vocals.

Its obvious Mayer put his soul into this album, as he always does, but this time he did it by telling personal stories and displaying enthusiasm we have never seen from him before. Mayer ends the album with an inspiring song titled "On the Way Home," about the summer being over with reminders to "Remember on the way home/ You don't have to feel alone" - and lots of harmonic "ooohs" to get us amped up about "another good time coming down the line."

Thiebaud headlines exhibits in library

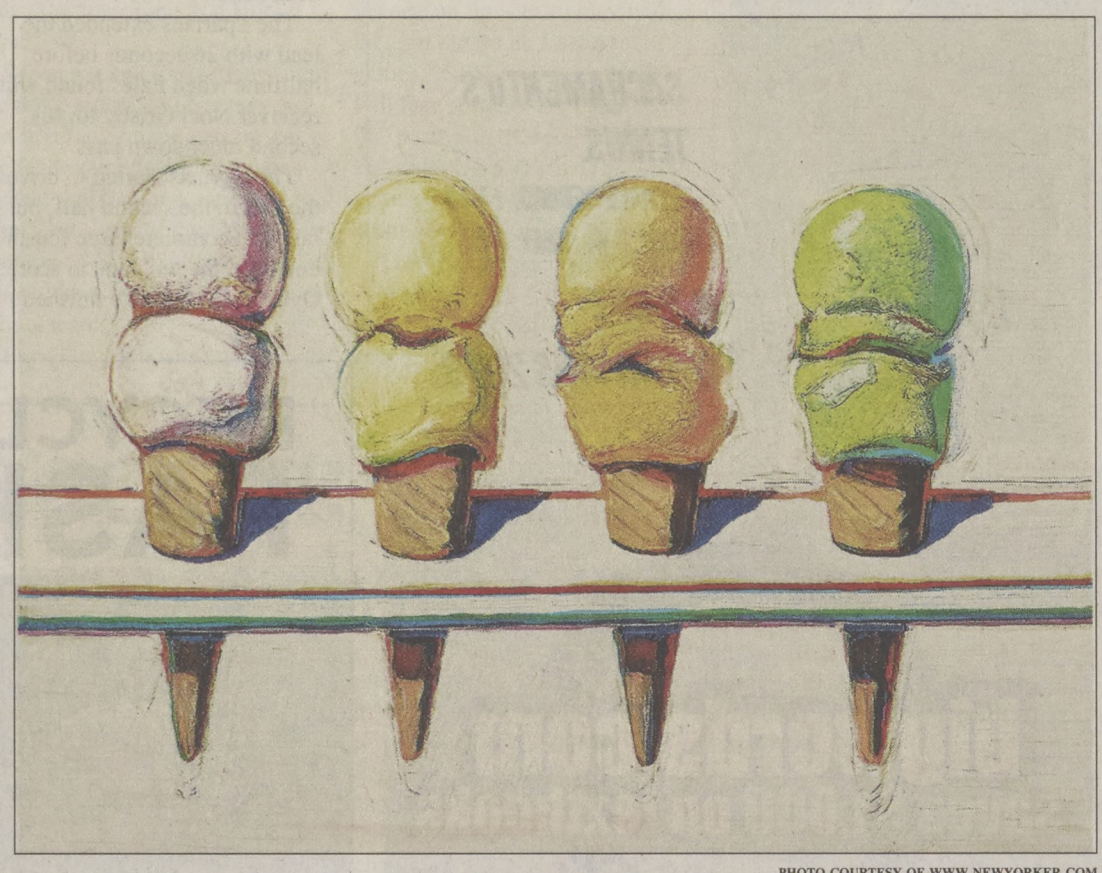


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Paintings like this one will be featured at "The Paul LeBaron Thiebaud Collection" art exhibit in the Sac State library gallery.

By Briana Swain

Visitors are in for something personable with the opening of "The Paul LeBaron Thiebaud Collection" art exhibit.

This showcase has never seen before material and begins running on Sept. 5.

"Thiebaud assembled a collection of art and artifacts around the world that haven't been displayed until now," said Director of University Library Gallery Phil Hitchcock.

Thiebaud, who died in 2010 at age 49, was a collector and owned galleries in Sacramento, San Francisco and New York.

Thiebaud was the son of the renowned painter and collector Wayne Thiebaud who was also an alumnus of Sacramento State, where he studied fine art.

Thiebaud was trained and mentored by his father and New York based gallery owner and art dealer Allen Stone.

Hitchcock has worked alongside LeBaron's Fine Art Director Colleen Casey with art students Sabrina Abbott and Yukiko Hole to curate this exhibit.

"Each piece is highly sophisticated art, so one can simply appreciate it by viewing them," Hole said. "However, this show is about (Thiebaud's) personal attachment to art. We can learn how (Thiebaud) had great eyes for art and how people surrounded him and art history influenced to the development for his knowledge of art."

The Thiebaud collection of art and artifacts includes pieces from around the world that celebrate many diverse cultures including artifacts such as African hats and sculptures. The exhibit also includes work from Thiebaud's father.

"These common objects give a glimpse into how an eye is developed and the exhibit shows how a collector develops his eye to become a great collector. It is hard to explain; it is something one must see in order to understand," Hitchcock said.

"The Paul LeBaron Thiebaud" exhibit runs until Dec. 3 and is located in the Library Gallery.

The lively and cheerful exhibit "Bright Stripes" unveils itself Sept. 12. This exhibit features a host of paintings by artist Cat Balco.

Appropriately named after its resemblance to bright stripes, Balco's work has a meditative and circular feel. There is rhythm to her work that entrances viewers and there is liveliness and color in her work that speaks for itself. The exhibit includes an installation piece that has been painted on site for display.

"Painting is connected to my growth and personal development," Balco said.

Balco said painting draws from her personal feelings and offers a different perspective for others to see.

"It's a window into my worldview and I would hope to open others' minds," Balco said.

Balco earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in fine art from Yale School of Art to and has worked with her friend and fellow faculty member Sara Flohr to produce the exhibit.

Balco and Flohr taught art classes together in France. Balco was asked to work with Flohr's art classes and an exhibit spontaneously sprung from the collaborative efforts.

. "Bright Stripes" runs until Oct. 16 in the Library Gallery Annex.

A reception for both art exhibits will take place on Sept. 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Sac State library galleries. Both events are free and open to the public.

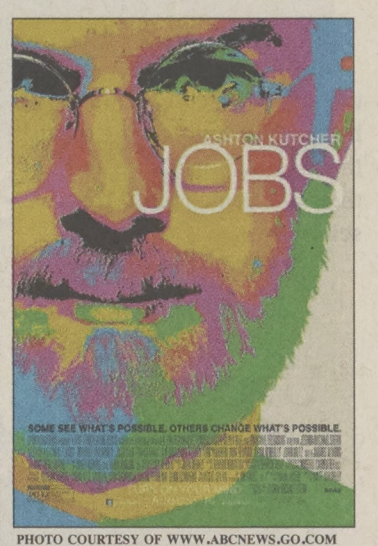


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KUTCHER SAVES STEVE'S REPUTATION IN "JOBS"

By Janice Daniels

After watching "Jobs," directed by Joshua Michael Stern, all there is to think about is why Steve Jobs was such a big, dorky jerk.

As inspiring as the film was, it lacked to provide insight from Jobs' perspective as he continued to do things like fire people who supported him, or kick a girlfriend to the curb when he found out she was pregnant. The only thing that keeps the audience from thinking Steve Jobs is a completely cold-hearted sociopath is the fact that goofy Ashton Kutcher plays him; and no one hates Ashton Kutcher.

Kutcher seemed to be comfortable in his role as Jobs, especially as the carefree peasant-shirt-wearing Jobs he portrayed earlier in the film and, of course, did a great job at acting (I think he was acting, anyway) as the stoned, hippie dude he is always cast as.

We follow Jobs from his life as a barefoot, acid-dropping young adult who sat in on college art and calligraphy classes; a genius working at Atari who was better at controlling people than obeying them; to the stubborn CEO of Apple who loses many companions as a result of his work ethic and unrealistic expectations.

Kutcher is cast alongside nerdy supporting actor Josh Gad, who plays Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, and many other unfamiliar actors and actresses from films popular in the 1990s. I'm not complaining; Dermot Mulroney who played the groom in 1997's "My Best Friend's Wedding" is still as studly as ever in his role as an investor and second CEO of Apple.

What the film makes me believe about Jobs is he was a jerk who didn't know the first thing about acting considerate towards others- or had to force himself to do so - which I highly doubt is completely true given he had so many people who loved him. If anything, the film wasn't enough about Jobs' life - things he did outside of work - and was too much about the history of Apple and its growing technology. Although Apple played a significant role in Job's life, there was much more to him and anyone who has read "Steve Jobs" by Walter Isaacson would say the same.

Although the story is a bit all over the place with huge gaping holes in it - such as how Jobs reconnects with his unknown child later in her life - it is worth seeing because it is informative, humorous and gives some history as to how Apple became what it is today.

I give this movie a seven out of 10.

Practice makes perfect when cooking tofu

By Janice Daniels

If you've never cooked tofu before, chances are you're going to have to play with it a couple times before you find a technique you like but that's the beauty in practicing for perfection.

Also known as the cheese of soy, tofu can be made into everything from chocolate pudding and quiche to non-dairy sour cream and "meat" The more you play with it the more creative you'll get. What makes tofu textures and consistencies different depends on the way each is prepared; baking, frying, grilling, pureeing and even sauteing.

For tofu with more of a meaty texture, you'll want to be sure to freeze it before working with it. Freezing tofu changes its structure and is best if you're looking to make something more dense with a bit of chewiness. The best kind of tofu to use for this would be firm or extra firm, given it does not cave in from the poke of a finger and can hold itself together extremely well compared to its silken counterpart

Whether you're freezing tofu to sear or simply pulling it from the fridge to throw into a soup, always remember the most important step in tofu preparation: draining it. Fail to drain tofu and you've failed to make it delicious - period. No one likes a crumbly wet mess of slop on their dinner plate and that is all undrained tofu will give you.

Tofu presses can easily be found on the internet and usually range from $10 to $30. If you want to save some money, my favorite method is to wrap the tofu in a dish towel and place something heavy on top - such as a stack of books - and let it sit and drain. After a few hours the tofu should be far less wet and ready for cooking.



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Many restaurants around the U.S. are catching on to their meat-free customers and have started offering dishes like tofu scramble which is crumbled, seasoned tofu cooked and served similarly to that of breakfast's scrambled eggs.

A popular establishment downtown known for its tofu scrambles - or "Vegetarian Pub Grills," as they like to call them - is Fox & Goose Public House and Restaurant. Fox and Goose offers a variety of these eggless scrambles, from pesto or salmon to create-your-own or curry; each is served with a heaping side of country potatoes or fruit and toast.

Scrambles are probably the simplest tofu dishes to make because they don't require much planning time and can be made in minutes with whatever you have to throw into them. Soft or regular tofu is generally used for scrambles because it absorbs flavors more easily and has a texture most similar to the traditional eggy breakfast dish many adore.

There are many types of tofu, and choosing the right kind depends on what you're cooking, your knowledge and how much you're willing to spend.

I've paid anywhere between 99 cents to five dollars per tofu block; my decision always depends on the cheapest price in the store I buy it from. Now, if you're into eating organic or find security in purchasing better brands, you'll be paying more but chances are you already expect that if you normally eat better brands and organic food anyway. A block of tofu can go a long way - yielding 2-6 servings - and can be an affordable, loved staple if prepared in variety.

"I like Mori-Nu lite silken (tofu) - for puddings (and) sauces - and Sprouts' tofu for cooking. Sprouts even has some flavored ones that are good," said Sacramento Vegan Chef Challenge Organizer Bethany Davis.

"Book of Tofu" by William Shurtleff will tell you everything there is to know about tofu, including its health benefits, how its made and many easy, delicious recipes for starters.

Mastering the art of cooking with tofu is no easy task but is doable with consistent effort and the right tools. At IowaGirlEats.com, the blogger, Kristen, shares many great tips for cooking with tofu and even has a blog entirely dedicated to tofu titled "Tofu 101: Your Guide to All Things Tofu!" which is a great first place to look for those who want to make a delicious tofu dish.



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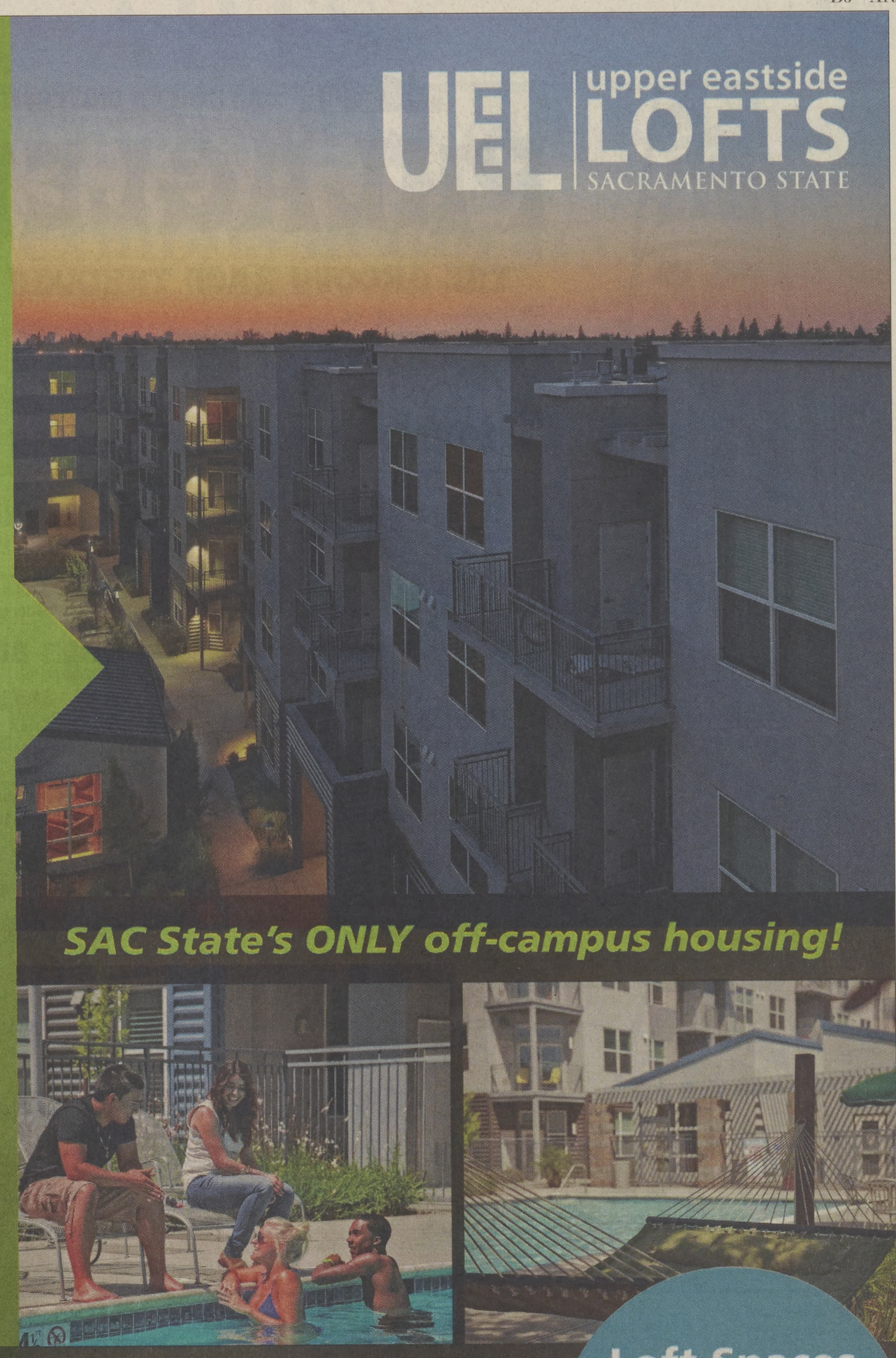
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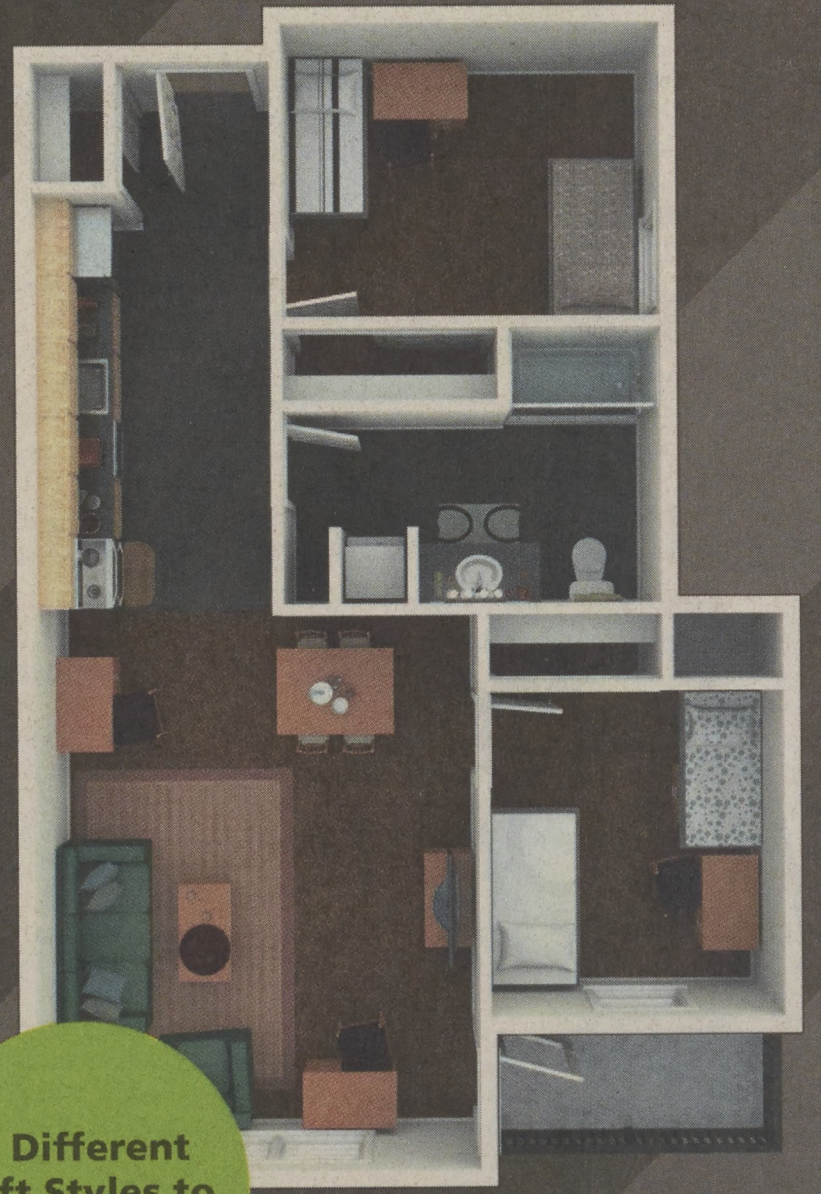
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